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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Voluntary Progress Report 33 (January 2002)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") on a voluntary basis to provide EPA with a progress report for activities related to the remediation of the residential lots and remote fill areas, the remediation of the Taracorp pile, the remedial action for groundwater, and operation and maintenance activities that were performed in regard to the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site") during January 2002.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On January 3, 2002, the Group's project coordinator issued a voluntary progress report to EPA.
- On January 25, 2002, the Group's project coordinator advised EPA's project manager orally that ENTACT would mobilize to the site beginning on January 28, 2002 to perform several miscellaneous activities, including removal of trash and debris from the former BV&G Trucking building, removal of soil cuttings (generated from previous monitoring well installation activities) from approximately 60 drums, and disposal of the wastes at appropriate off-site facilities. The Group's project coordinator provided a letter to EPA's project manager on January 28, 2002 to confirm the oral notification.
- On January 28, 2002 and as noted above, ENTACT mobilized to the site to perform several miscellaneous activities.

- During January 2002, STL Savannah Laboratories continued to analyze the groundwater samples collected at the site by ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller ("ARCADIS") during the week of December 10, 2001. Upon receipt of laboratory data, ARCADIS personnel initiated efforts to validate the data.
- During January 2002, ENTACT resumed efforts to complete the "Final Remedial Report" for the residential areas and remote fill locations to address EPA's January 22, 2001 comments. In addition, ENTACT continued efforts to prepare a revised Operation and Maintenance Plan to address EPA's comments and to include off-site areas.

2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- The Group anticipates that ARCADIS personnel will complete data validation activities and will initiate efforts to prepare a report to summarize the data.
- ENTACT will continue efforts to complete the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations to address EPA's January 22, 2001 comments. The revised pages to the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations will be submitted to EPA after the revisions have been made.
- ENTACT will continue efforts to prepare a revised Operation and Maintenance Plan to address EPA's comments and to expand the Operation and Maintenance Plan to include operation and maintenance activities for off-site areas.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

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6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

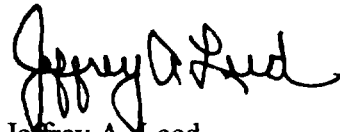
7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

LEED ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.



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